

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 81st Meeting held on Thursday 18 August 2011
at ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: S Fisher (National Grid NTS), J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks), C Thomson (Scotia Gas Networks), and S Trivella (Wales & West Utilities)

User Representatives: C Wright (British Gas Trading), R Fairholme (E.ON UK), R Street (Corona Energy), and S Leedham (EDF Energy)

Ofgem Representative: J Dixon

Customer Representative: R Hall

Supplier Representative: Not present

Joint Office: B Fletcher (Deputy Chair) and L Dupont (Secretary)

Observers Present: A Raper (National Grid Distribution), D Ianora (Ofgem), A Miller (Xoserve), and J Martin (Scotia Gas Networks)

Record of Alternates: R Street for A Bal (Shell), S Fisher for R Hewitt (National Grid NTS), and C Thomson for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks)

Apologies for Absence: A Bal, A Gibson, C Hill, R Hewitt and T Davis

81.3 Matters of Implementation

Updates were given relating to modifications awaiting an implementation date:

a) **Modification 0276 - Alternative User Pays approach to – UNC Modification Proposal 0263 - Enabling the Assignment of a Partial Quantity of Registered NTS Exit (Flat) Capacity**

S Fisher had no further update to offer. J Dixon confirmed there were no concerns from Ofgem in this respect. He was happy with the fact that National Grid NTS had not progressed this; the option was to develop a partial assignment product depending on clear signals for a potential take up. Consideration was being given to how costs incurred should be recovered; an appropriate route would be devised. Ofgem was not pressing National Grid NTS to any other action, either to unwind the modification or communicate anything further, until some sort of industry commitment is signalled.

Modification 0334 is on the next Panel agenda and J Dixon will comment again on 0276 then.

J Dixon indicated that Ofgem was considering including some sort of statement in Decision letters, giving “permission to implement when circumstances demand that it is appropriate to do so.”

The UNCC unanimously agreed to review the position in 3 months time.

b) **Modification 0292 - Proposed change to the AQ Review Amendment Tolerance for SSP sites**

Implementation was confirmed as 01 November 2011. The modification will not be effective until April 2012.

c) **Modification 0333A - Update of the default System Marginal Buy Price and System Marginal Sell Price**

S Fisher advised that implementation was confirmed as 01 October 2011. A number of changes to the text have been identified and a Consent to Modify will be raised at September's Panel meeting.

d) **Modification 0353 – Population and Maintenances of the Market Sector Code within the Supply Point Register**

BF advised that the Authority's decision to implement had been received; ST advised the potential implementation date might be 01 November 2011, with a timetable of reporting, ie 01 October 2011, 01 February 2012, 01 April 2012, and mid May 2012. The timetable of reporting will be issued with the notice of the implementation date, and Xoserve will write out to its operational contacts. AM confirmed that nil reports will be issued where appropriate.

81.4 Any Other Business

a) **UNCC (AUGE) Meeting – 05 September 2011**

AM suggested that the AUGE provides a written update and the meeting be rescheduled for mid October.

AM drew attention to a request from the AUGE for a substantial amount of data, ie Individual NDM LSP consumption, for calculation purposes. This will take time to provide so there may be some gaps when the statement/report is issued at the end of September.

The UNCC (AUGE) meeting schedule for 05 September was rescheduled to 17 October.

b) **File Formats**

SL asked where it was possible to find information on what is mandatory or not, ie voluntary, in relation to file fields and their verification.

AM responded that if this related to RGMA flows, these could be found in the 'Conditionality Document' and he would provide this to SL.

81.5 Next Meeting

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meeting as:

Thursday 15 September 2011, at the ENA, immediately after the Modification Panel meeting.